



# COMMITTEE REPORT

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## MR. PRESIDENT:

**The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 270, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:**

1       Page 2, between lines 25 and 26, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
2       "SECTION 3. IC 36-6-1.5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.255-2013,  
3       SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4       UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the officers  
5       of the new township government shall:  
6               (1) obtain from the department of local government finance  
7               approval under IC 6-1.1-18.5-7 of:  
8                       (A) a budget;  
9                       (B) an ad valorem property tax levy; and  
10                      (C) a property tax rate;  
11               (2) fix the annual budget under IC 6-1.1-17;  
12               (3) impose a property tax levy; and  
13               (4) take any action necessary to ensure the collection of fees and  
14               other revenue;  
15       for the new township government for the budget year following the  
16       year the officers take office.  
17               (b) The resolutions approving the township government merger  
18       under this chapter must specify the amount (if any) of the decrease that  
19       the department of local government finance shall make to the  
20       maximum permissible property tax levies, maximum permissible

1 property tax rates, and budgets under IC 6-1.1-17 and IC 6-1.1-18.5 of  
2 the new township to:

3 (1) eliminate double taxation for services or goods provided by  
4 the new township; or

5 (2) eliminate any excess by which the amount of property taxes  
6 imposed by the new township exceeds the amount necessary to  
7 pay for services or goods provided under this article.

8 (c) The fiscal body of the new township shall determine and certify  
9 to the department of local government finance the amount of the  
10 adjustment (if any) under subsection (b). The amount of the adjustment  
11 (if any) to be made under subsection (b) must comply with the  
12 resolutions approving the township government merger.

13 **(d) The department may prescribe forms for submission to the**  
14 **department to expedite processing of mergers under IC 36-6-1.7."**

15 Page 5, line 18, after "county." insert "**After all township mergers**  
16 **are complete, a county must have at least one (1) township.**".

17 Page 5, line 20, delete "At" and insert "**Except as provided in**  
18 **subdivision (2), at**".

19 Page 5, between lines 22 and 23, begin a new line block indented  
20 and insert:

21 **"(2) If all townships in a county are designated townships, the**  
22 **county executive shall select one of the (1) designated**  
23 **townships participating in the merger to form a new township**  
24 **government to perform the functions of a recipient**  
25 **township."**

26 Page 5, line 23, delete "(2)" and insert "(3)".

27 Page 5, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

28 **"(c) The new township government shall certify the final action**  
29 **in the manner prescribed by the department to each of the**  
30 **following:**

31 **(1) The county legislative body.**

32 **(2) The county executive body.**

33 **(3) The clerk of the circuit court.**

34 **(4) The county fiscal officer.**

35 **(5) The county recorder.**

36 **(6) The county voter registration office.**

37 **(7) The secretary of state's office."**

- 1       Page 6, line 14, after "merger" insert "**(selected by majority vote**
- 2       **of the members of the designated township's legislative body)".**
- 3       Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to SB 270 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 2.

**Senator Buck, Chairperson**